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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the enclosed references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Please note that enclosed is U.S. Patent No. 5,990,500 which is the English language counterpart for JP 11-274562. The English language abstracts of these Japanese references are also enclosed.


This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		JP	11-274562	A	OKAZAKI	10/1999		Abstract
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